The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the London Gazette, Dec. 20.

Madrid, Decem. 9.

THE Troops which are to form the Army in Andaluſia, near Gibraltar, continue their March thither, and 'tis believed will attack that Place. The Count de la Torres, who is to command them, is to ſet out for Malaga on the 15th Inſt. together with Lieutenant General Verboom, chief Engineer of all the King of Spain's Fortifications. The late Duke of Ormond and General Seiſſan, have had frequent Conferences with the Marquis de la Paz, and laſt Night they had private Audiences of his Catholick Majeſty. Count Vander Nat, Miniſter of the Duke of Holſtein, had two Days ago a Conference with the Marquis de la Paz, but has not had any Audience yet of their Catholick Majeſties, it is ſaid his Commiſſion is to ſolicite a Sum of Money from the King of Spain, as Subſidies granted to the Court of Muſcovy, by their late Treaty concluded with the Emperor and Spain. Don Antonio Molinos, one of the chief Clerks in the Duke of Riperda's late Office, and Don Franciſco Bruto his late Secretary, who were put into Priſon here, after that Duke was ſent to Segovia, were both, ſome Days ſince, ſet at Liberty. The ſaid Duke remains confined in the Caſtle of Segovia. On the 2d Inſtant his Catholick Majeſty went a ſhooting at the Sarzanella, two Leagues from hence in Company with the Queen, who was carried in a Chair. And Yeſterday their Catholick Majeſties went to the Convent of Atocha, where they paid their Devotions to the Holy Virgin, and Thankgiving on account of her Majeſty's being with Child. On the 3d his Catholick Majeſty received the Count de Haro, who lately came from Vienna, as a Grandee of Spain, by permitting him to put on his Hat in the preſence of the reſt of the Grandees, who appeared before his Majeſty in the Audience Room at the Palace; and on the 8th Inſtant the Count de Punonroſtro was alſo received Grandee of Spain with the ſame Ceremony.

From the Evening Poſt, Decem. 20.

Vienna, Dec. 7. Letters from the Imperial Reſident at Conſtantinople, dated the 15th of October laſt ſay, that the contagious Diſtemper ſtill made great Havock in that Capital; as that Diſtemper has reached ſeveral Places of Albania, Morea, and other neighbouring Provinces, the Imperial Court has ordered the Guards on the Frontiers to be doubled. 'Tis confirmed from Hungary, that 10,000 Men, ſtirred up by the Adherents of Prince Ragotſki, are preparing for an Inroad into Tranſilvania and Upper Hungary, but 'tis hoped the Imperial Troops who are marching thither from Sileſia and Moravia, will ſoon diſperſe them.

Hague, Dec. 18. The Fortifications of Bergen-opſom, in Dutch Flanders along the Maeſe, on the Frontier of Guelderland, and Overyſſel, as alſo thoſe of the Forts Wodde and Weſtwoldingerland, are going to be repaired.

Vienna, Dec. 11. The Empreſs had of late Symptoms of Pregnancy. Our Merchants are ſo highly diſpleaſed with thoſe of Spain, who remitted Bills for a Million and half of Florins, which were all proteſted, that they will endeavour to retalliate it upon them. A certain Letter writ by the King of Pruſſia to the King of Great Britain, about the preſent Poſture of Affairs, gives much Umbrage to this Court. 'Tis talked here, that the Court of France has inſinuated to that of Spain, that the great Sums expended by France, for ſetting his Catholick Majeſty on the Throne, ought to be repaid.

Stockholm, Dec. 7. The States have approved the Reſolution taken by the Senate, to augment by one 3d our Naval Forces. 'Tis thought, that whatever may be proved againſt Count Welling, his advanced Age and Loſs of Memory, will be ſo far conſidered, that his Puniſhment will be moderated to Impriſonment for Life.

Dantzick, Dec. 11. The States of Courland deſign to aſſemble and conſider what is to be done in the preſent Juncture, whether to implore the Protection of Ruſſia, or ſubmit to the Commiſſion appointed by the Diet of Grodno. Mean while, the Count of Saxony is returned to Mittau, and enliſts Men for a Guard to his Perſon.

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Paris, *Dec.* 22. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant his Protection to the Perſon who invented the Secret of drawing Salt-Petre from all Kinds of Mold, and alſo to the Engliſhman who is Inventor of the Machine for Spinning Wool. This laſt is to have the Direction of a Workhouſe which is going to be ſet up in the Suburb of St. Germain.

Madrid, *Decem.* 9. The late Duke of Ormond and one General Seiſſan, have had Audiences lately of their Catholick Majeſties. And 'tis confidently given out, that the Spaniards are determined to undertake an Expedition in favour of the Pretender: Who, 'tis ſaid, is very ſhortly expected at Madrid. At the ſame Time, the Diſtreſs here for want of Money is beyond what has been known in any Country.

Hague, *Decem.* 22. Here runs a Report, that the Crown of Sweden has acceded to the Treaty of Hanover. They write from Vienna, that 30000 Germans are on their March to Italy, and 5000 Palatines for the Netherlands.

Paris, *Decem.* 14. 'Tis ſaid, in caſe of Need, that 200,000 Men will be ſent into the Field.

London, *Dec.* 20. On Sunday and Yeſterday a great Part of Sir Charles Wager's Baggage was ſent to Portſmouth.

From the Daily Journal, *Dec.* 20.

Berlin, *Decem.* 16, 'Tis at preſent the Diſcourſe at Court, That the Emperor and the Czarina have entred into a reciprocal Guarrantee of each others Poſſeſſions and Succeſſions, and of furniſhing each other, upon Occaſion, with 12000 Men; and that there is a ſecret Article of Guarrantee of his Pruſſian Majeſty to the Dutchies of Bergue and Juliers, in which that Prince is concerned no otherwiſe than as Elector of Brandenburg.

London, *Decem.* 20. The laſt Dutch Mail brought Copies of an Edict, dated the 10th Inſtant, publiſhed by the King of Denmark, by which he forbids the Currency of Hamburg Money, and the Importation of all Goods and Merchandices from Hamburg into his Dominions. The Hamburgers having lately reduced their Coin, 'tis thought hath contributed much to this Prohibition.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, *Dec.* 20.

Stockholm, *Decem.* 4. This Morning the Secret Committee acquainted the College of Nobles, that they have made freſh Diſcoveries of Maleverſations, whereupon it was reſolved, That the Committee which was appointed to inſpect the Affair of Count Welling, ſhall alſo examine into this. Neither the Nature of the Perſon accuſed, nor the Nature of the Diſcovery have yet been made publick. Prince Dolhorucki, Ambaſſador of Ruſſia, has at laſt notified his Arrival to Count Banier, but not notified his Credentials; neither do we hear when he is to have his Audience of the King, there being ſome Difficulties to be removed firſt about the Ceremonial.

Venice, *Decem*, 6. The famous Mr. John Law is arrived here with his Son.

S. S. Stock, 100. Annuities, 91, 5ths. India, 133, 1 4th. Bank, 120, 1 4th. York Buildings, 5, 3 8ths.

From the Flying Poſt, *Decem.* 20.

Bologna, *Decem.* 5. The Chevalier de St. George ſpends his Time here much more agreeably than he did at Rome: He and his eldeſt Son are generalle at all Balls and Feaſts in Town, where they dancy very often, and generally ſtay till 4 in the Morning. Sometimes he takes an Airing abroad, and frequently makes Entertainments; and his Expences are much more conſiderable than they were at Rome. 'Tis believed that he takes the more Pleaſure, in order to draw his Princeſs to him, and to put her out of Conceit with her Nunnery. The Duke and Dutcheſs of Wharton are expected here every Day, as is alſo the late Duke of Ormond. Some think that the latter will be made Miniſter of State, and Governor of the Chevalier's eldeſt Son, in the Room of the Duke of Inverneſs; who in that Caſe, will go and ſupply the Place of the Duke of Ormond in Spain. Some Engliſh Gentlemen of Diſtinction come every now and then to the Chevalier de S. George's Palace, but they do not lie there, nor do they ſtay long here.

Thurſday laſt the Pretender, after having been at Confeſſion, and heard Maſs in the Chapel of his own Palace, touched ſome Perſons for the Evil, and then gave a Silver Medal to each of the Patients, after the Cuſtom of the Kings of France and the ancient Kings of England; but with this peculiar Diſtinction, That whereas this Ceremony uſed to be performed on ſome grand Feſtival, the Pretender has done it every Thurſday ſince he came to this City.

Saturday laſt being the Feſtival of St. Andrew, the Pretender performed the Ceremony of conferring the Croſs of the Order upon all the Gentlemen of his Retinue, who appeared in their Holy-day Cloaths, with the Badge uſually worn in Scotland upon their Hats.

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From the Daily Journal, Dec. 20.

Lisbon, Dec. 7. The Marahao Fleet, conſiſting of four Merchant Ships, having been ſeen off this Coaſt, the Victory, a Portugueſe Man of War of 60 Guns, was ſent from hence to convoy them into Harbour; but before ſhe could come to the Fleet, two Algerine Cruizers had taken one of their Merchant Ships. However the Ship of War's Appearance preſerved the other three, which were brought ſafe into this Port the 2d Inſtant. The Victory is again ſent out to guard the Coaſt, for the Return of the Fernambuco Fleet, which is ſoon expected.

London, Decem. 19, We hear, that his R. Highneſs the Prince of Wales will be made Generaliſſimo of all his Majeſty's Forces by Sea and Land.

'Tis ſaid, that Prince Eugene of Savoy is to come into the Netherlands, to take upon him the Command of the Troops there.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, Dec. 24.

Milan, Decem. 2. Theſe few Days paſt there was ſent hence to Navarre and Pavia, a great many Piece of Cannon, with a vaſt Quantity of Bullet.

Bruſſels, Decem. 16. Laſt Friday was ſolemnized at Court the Anniverſary of the Birth of our moſt Serene Governeſs, who then entred the 47th Year of her Age. The Marquis de Viſcont, Grand Maſter and Firſt Miniſter, gave a magnificent Entertainment on that Occaſion.

From *London, Decem.* 13. This Day was iſſued a Proclamation for the Meeting of the Parliament the 28th of next Month, to treat of Affairs of vaſt Importance.

'Tis aſſured, that among other Things, a Project will be offered to the Lower Houſe, to keep 20,000 Sailors conſtantly in Pay at the publick Charge. Orders have been ſent to Portſmouth, inſtantly to equip 4 Men of War of 70 Guns, and 2 of 50 at Sheerneſs, to reinforce the Squadron of Admiral Hopſon in the Mediterranean. A Report runs, that the Spaniards have ſeized at Vera Cruz two Veſſels belonging to the S. S. Company, namely, the Prince Frederick and Prince of Aſturias. But as the Government has received no Account thereof, we ſuſpend our Belief. 'Tis alſo ſaid, that the Flota from Havana was arrived at Cadix, under Convoy of 7 or 8 Spaniſh Men of War.

Since our laſt arrived a Holland and a French Mail.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Decem. 22.

BY Letters from Paris of the 24th Inſt. we are informed, that a printed Pamphlet was lately ſent to all the Foreign Miniſters, which juſtifies the Conduct of the Kings of Great Britain and Pruſſia, even in the Quality of Electors; with Regard to the Treaty of Hanover: And confutes the Paper that was handed about ſome Time ago by the Imperial Miniſters at the Hague, containing ſeveral Reflections upon the foreſaid Treaty; as, That it was made and concluded in the Empire, by two Electors, with a Foreign Power, againſt the Emperor and Empire's Peace with Spain; and that it was contrary, both in Matter and Form, to their ſolemn Oath of Inveſtiture, and to the Duty of a Member of the Empire, and likewiſe contrary to the Peace of Weſtphalia, &c.

But 'tis very probable no Objection would have been made to the Hanover Treaty, and the Guarrantee given in it, had not the ſaid Guarranty been extended to both the Indies, for the neceſſary Security of the Trade of Great Britain, and that of our Allies; and for obtaining which the ſaid Powers ſeem unanimous for acting with th' utmoſt Force and Vigour, notwithſtanding th' Emperor has made freſh Propoſals for inducing the Court of France to unite with that of Vienna, or continue neuter; tho' the latter of which, ſome at Paris we are told are of Opinion, will be agreed to.

We are told his Excellency Horatio Walpole is getting his Equipage ready with all Expedition, to return furthwith to the Court of France.

Colonel Clayton Deputy Governour of Gibralter is preparing to ſet out for Portſmouth, in order to embark with Admiral Wager.

Yeſterday the Spaniſh Ambaſſador viſited ſeveral Miniſters of State.

Great Numbers of Seamen have entered themſelves at the Admiralty Office, who received each 7 ſh. 6 d. Conduct Money, and are gone on board the Ships commanded by the foreſaid Admiral, who is extremely reſpected by all who have ſerved under him.

Among the reſt of the Reports that are ſpread about the Town under the preſent Poſture of Affairs, one is, That an Agreement is made for ſome private Perſons, to lend to the King of Pruſſia, 50,000 L. at the Intereſt of 8 per Cent. till paid;

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This is no Sign of his going to conclude a Treaty with the Emperor; who according to the Advices by the Holland Mail just arrrived, is more and more doubtful of the Success of his Minister's Negociation at the Court of Berlin. And by the Mail from France we learn, That the Marquis de Bonac is going his most Christian Majesty's Ambassador to Switzerland. And from Madrid, that Troops are marching to Gibraltar, with 17,000 Pick-Axes, Shovels, &c.

'Tis strange the Spaniards should venture on an Expedition, which is so very impracticable for them to execute with Success, however they may flatter themselves with Hopes of Assistance from the Emperor, by virtue of a secret Treaty formerly mentioned. Mean Time the Answers given by the Court of Madrid, to the Representations made by Colonel Stanhope is, *That his Catholick Majesty will never renounce Gibralter.*

On the 24th past the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, lately that of the Marquis of Valence, the finest and most richly furnished in Lisbon, was destroyed by Fire.

Yesterday there was a great Meeting of General Officers and others, to consider of the present State of the Army; and 'tis said Commissions will shortly be issued for raising some more new Regiments of Foot.

S. S. Stock 99.

Increased in the Burials this Year 4129.

Haddingtoun, Dec. 16. 1726.

Best Wheat,	*L.* 09 00	2d, *L.* 08 10.	3d,	*L.* 8 00
Best Bear,	*L.* 06. 07	2d, *L.* 06 00.	3d,	*L.* 5 16
Best Oats,	*L.* 05 10.	2d, *L.* 05 06.	3d,	*L.* 5 00
Best Pease,	*L.* 05 04.	2d, *L.* 05 00.	3d,	*L.* 4. 16

Edinburgh, Decem. 27. Yesterday died Dame Janet Rochead, Relict of the deceast Sir David Dalrymple, late Lord Advocate.

We should have told you in our last, That Isabel Stirling was on Friday last Scourged thro' this City, and afterwards committed to the House of Correction, pursuant to her Sentence by the Lords of Justiciary, for being Art and Part of the Murder of her own Child: And, that one Samuel Hale, a Soldier, was acquit at the Bar of Justiciary, of the Murder of his Comrade at the Barracks of Inverfnaid.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†*† That the Annual General Meeting of the FRIENDLY CONTRIBUTERS of Edinburgh, is to be held on Monday the Ninth of January next, at 3 a clock after Noon, in Mary's Chapel; where all concerned are desired to be present.

Fishery-Office, Decem. 13. 1726.

The MANAGERS of the Fishing-Copartnery give Notice, That they are to expose to Sale by publick Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market of Edinburgh, upon the 31st Day of January next, at 3 after Noon, the Copartnery's LANDS of Peterhead, and some FEUS and FISH-BOATS in Stonehaven. The Rental and Conditions of Sale to be seen at the Copartnery's Office.

¶ That on The 24th Day of January next, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the House of Mris. Don Vintner in Edinburgh, there is to be sold by publick voluntary Roup, the Lands of Laghall, Netherton, Boigs, Priestlands, Redbrae, Woodhead and Miln Armannoch and Marchromne, with a Salmond Fishing on the Water of Nith, paying 107 *L.* 6 sh. 8 d. Sterl. of Yearly free Rent, beside Kains and Casualities, holden of the Crown Taxtward, lying within a Mile or thereby of the Burgh of Dumfries, the greatest Part thereof betwixt the Waters of Nith and Crirgin, in the Parish of Troquire and Stewartry of Kircudbright. The Progress of the Writs with the Rental and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet at his Writing Chamber in Edinburgh.

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